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MANAGEMENT SYSTEM IN A  
DATA CENTER  
ENVIRONMENT

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This Preliminary Amendment is concurrently filed with the above-entitled  
Request for Continued Examination for the above-identified patent application.

Changes to the claims begin on page 3.

And remarks begin on page 8.

One Month Extension. Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. 1.136(a), the Applicants hereby petition for a one month extension of time to respond to the Advisory Office Action dated February 11, 2004. This extension will extend the response due date to March 11, 2004.